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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Roesch et al.

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For: **GANGABLE ELECTRICAL UNIT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action, dated November 5, 2002, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, applicants respectfully request that the following amendments and remarks be entered into the file of the above-identified application. Entry of this response is necessary to place the present application in condition for allowance or in better condition for appeal. Applicants also enclose a request for reconsideration of the issuance of a Final Office Action, pursuant to MPEP 706.07(d), and respectfully request reconsideration of the finding of finality by the Primary Examiner.

In the Claims:

A marked up version of revised claim 21, showing insertions and deletions, is included in Appendix A. Claim 21 is rewritten in independent form as follows:

21. (Once Amended) A gangable electrical unit for positioning an electrical component beside an electrical outlet box comprising:
a bracket including a wall structure that defines a front opening; and
at least one clip coupled to the wall structure and extending outwardly from the front opening of the wall structure, said clip being configured to grasp a wall of an electrical outlet box, wherein the clip includes a self-centering portion for centering the bracket on an electrical outlet box.

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